

September 16, 1920.

Gentlemen:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 9th instant, in regard to a permit for cod fishing operations within the Aleutian Islands Reservation. Permit No. 43 of this date is inclosed herewith authorizing you to carry on cod fishing operations on the six islands named by you. To avoid the trouble of renewals from time to time the permit is granted for an indefinite period and is effective until terminated in accordance with the terms stated.

The requirement that natives of the reservation be given employment as far as possible in connection with the operations under consideration is in accordance with the general policy of the Department. This requirement does not mean that your operations shall be hampered thereby, but if natives are available for employment under reasonable conditions consideration must be given them.

The accompanying circular of regulations for the Aleutian Islands Reservation, issued April 13, 1914, jointly by the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Commerce ~~is~~ now modified to the extent that jurisdiction over the fur-bearing animals of Alaska other than fur seals and sea otters was transferred by the Act approved May 31, 1920, from the Secretary of Commerce to the Secretary of Agriculture.

The report indicated in Permit No. 43 is a special one required in connection with this permit and is not in lieu of any required by virtue of section 10 of the act approved June 26, 1906, for the protection and regulation of the fisheries of Alaska.

Respectfully,

(Sgd) J. W. Alexander

American Fishing & Packing Co.,  
115 Marion Street,  
Seattle, Washington.

Secretary of Commerce.

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PERMIT TO ENGAGE IN FISHERY OPERATIONS WITHIN THE  
ALEUTIAN ISLANDS RESERVATION, ALASKA.

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Under the provisions of Executive Order of March 3, 1913, establishing the Aleutian Islands Reservation and in accordance with the regulations for the Aleutian Islands Reservation, Alaska, effective March 15, 1914, the American Fishing & Packing Company, whose address is 115 Marion Street, Seattle, Washington, is hereby authorized to engage in commercial fishery operations within the Aleutian Islands Reservation and to construct suitable bunk houses, cook houses, and storage buildings necessary to carry on the business of catching and salting and otherwise curing codfish, on Biorke, Rootok, Avatanak, Ugamak, Unalga and Unalaska Islands: Provided, That as far as possible all work in connection with the taking of fish and their subsequent preparation for market shall be performed by natives who are residents of the said reservation (white men married to such natives may be included): And provided further, That operations by virtue of this permit may be suspended if at any time it becomes apparent either to the permittee or to the Bureau of Fisheries that the supply of fish required for food for the aforesaid natives is endangered: And provided further, That the permittee shall observe the existing laws and regulations for the protection of the fisheries of Alaska and for the administration of the Aleutian Islands Reservation (copies of which are hereto attached), as well as those that may hereafter be enacted or promulgated for such purposes: And provided further, That nothing in this permit shall be construed to authorize the construction or operation of any cannery.

It is further stipulated that an annual report in respect to the business authorized by this permit shall be mailed to the Commissioner of Fisheries, Washington, D. C., not later than January 15 of each year, which report shall describe the extent to which the locations have been used during the preceding calendar year, the physical property, and the nature of the improvements made in the year, and shall also state the character and amount of employment afforded to natives of the reservation.

This permit is not transferable and is revocable at any time at the pleasure of the Secretary of Commerce.

(Sgd) J. W. Alexander  
Secretary of Commerce.